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DIRECTOR'S STAFF MEETING

Tuesday, 8 May 1951

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Mr. Jackson asked if we had received a reply from Mr. Lovett in regard to our memorandum on NIE's. The Director stated that we had received no reply and did not expect one. He also mentioned that there had been a question of whether G-2, the JCS or [] had forwarded NIE's to MacArthur.

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Mr. Dulles reported that [] had called on him yesterday to confirm []'s proposed visit. [] expressed deep interest in communications intelligence, and Mr. Dulles believes that the [] will press us on this matter. This brought up a general discussion on what material of this nature we could exchange with the []. The Director will discuss this matter at the next USCIB meeting. The Director asked Mr. Dulles to prepare and submit to him a memorandum on what he thought the [] would want from us.

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Mr. Dulles read a letter from General Marshall addressed to the Director on the subject of guerrilla operations in []. The letter with attached memorandum will be sent to Mr. [] for comment and then discussed with the Director by Mr. Dulles.

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Mr. Dulles believes that we should have further affirmation of our mandate under NSC 26. There is a question as to whether CIA should execute the mission. Mr. Dulles is preparing a memorandum on this subject for circulation to the NSC. The Director believes that we must make up our own minds as to whether we look to State or Justice for guidance in relation to protection against future damage suits.

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DCI's, 8 May (contd.)

The Director suggested that in answering Mr. Hoover's letter on the IIC, Mr. Dulles say something that would approximate the following: "The results are too important for us to quibble about media of exchange or details of protocol. In dealing with foreigners there must be reciprocity and we must furnish them with information if we desire to receive any." The Director suggested that Mr. Hoover should be advised to make his own foreign contacts.

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